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## LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE AND ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 22, 2021  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

Senator Rich Wardner, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**Members present:** Senators Rich Wardner, Joan Heckaman, Ray Holmberg, Jerry Klein, Larry Luick, Erin Oban; Representatives Joshua A. Boschee\*, Kim Koppelman, Scott Louser, Alisa Mitskog

**Member absent:** Representative Chet Pollert

**Others present:** John Bjornson, Legislative Council, Bismarck

*\*Attended remotely*

### COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Ms. Claire Ness, Counsel, Legislative Council, presented the committee's statutory responsibilities and a memorandum entitled [Supplementary Rules of Operation and Procedure of the North Dakota Legislative Management](#). Ms. Ness noted the memorandum was updated to require prior approval by committee chairmen for remote attendance by committee members and to prohibit payments to Legislative Management members for remote attendance at meetings of committees of which they are not members.

Chairman Wardner noted the committee also will review how legislators and others should report and address ethics concerns that arise in the legislative branch.

### LEGISLATIVE SPACES IN THE CAPITOL

Ms. Ness presented memoranda entitled [Guidelines for Use of Legislative Chambers and Displays in Legislative Assembly Hall and Memorial Hall](#) and [Guidelines for Use of Legislative Committee Rooms - North Dakota State Capitol](#). Ms. Ness noted the memoranda were updated to state the Legislative Council will not provide information technology services to entities that receive permission to hold events in the legislative chambers or committee rooms.

Mr. John Bjornson, Director, Legislative Council, noted the Information Technology Department agreed to have information technology staff available to operate audiovisual equipment in committee rooms when executive branch agencies use the rooms.

**It was moved by Representative Koppelman, seconded by Senator Heckaman, and carried on a roll call vote that *Guidelines for Use of Legislative Chambers and Displays in Legislative Assembly Hall and Memorial Hall* be approved as distributed.** Senators Wardner, Heckaman, Holmberg, Klein, Luick, and Oban and Representatives Boschee, Koppelman, Louser, and Mitskog voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

**It was moved by Senator Luick, seconded by Representative Mitskog, and carried on a roll call vote that *Guidelines for Use of Legislative Committee Rooms - North Dakota State Capitol* be approved as distributed.** Senators Wardner, Heckaman, Holmberg, Klein, Luick, and Oban and Representatives Boschee, Koppelman, Louser, and Mitskog voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

Ms. Ness presented three requests for use of legislative chambers. An organization, We the People, requested to use the House Chamber for the North Dakota High School Government Competition on January 12 or January 19, 2022. The North Dakota High School Activities Association requested to use both chambers for the North Dakota High School State Student Congress on November 3-4, 2022 ([appendix](#)). The North Dakota District Court for the South Central Judicial District - Burleigh County requested to use the House Chamber for a trial scheduled to take place August 2-20, 2021.

It was moved by Senator Oban, seconded by Senator Holmberg, and carried on a roll call vote that, subject to the needs of the legislative branch, We the People be permitted to use the House Chamber on January 12 or January 19, 2022, for the North Dakota High School Government Competition; the North Dakota High School Activities Association be permitted to use both legislative chambers on November 3-4, 2022, for the North Dakota High School State Student Congress; and the North Dakota District Court for the South Central Judicial District - Burleigh County be permitted to use the House Chamber on August 2-20, 2021, for a trial. Senators Wardner, Heckaman, Holmberg, Klein, Luick, and Oban and Representatives Boschee, Koppelman, Louser, and Mitskog voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

### LEGISLATIVE INTERN PROGRAM

Committee members noted the intern program has been a benefit to the Legislative Assembly and the interns.

It was moved by Representative Koppelman, seconded by Senator Luick, and carried on a roll call vote that the legislative intern program be continued through the 2023 legislative session for at least 10 interns, and the stipend be \$3,500 per month. Senators Wardner, Heckaman, Holmberg, Klein, Luick, and Oban and Representatives Boschee, Koppelman, Louser, and Mitskog voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

### AMENDMENTS TO LEGISLATIVE RULES

Ms. Ness presented amendments to the legislative rules for a special or reconvened session ([23.9014.01000](#) and [23.9059.01000](#)).

Chairman Wardner noted there may be a need for the Legislative Assembly to address federal funding during the redistricting session, which will be held in the fall of 2021, or at another time in the interim. He also noted Governor Doug Burgum seems amenable to calling a special session for redistricting. He noted the Legislative Assembly reserved 4 days for a reconvened session.

It was moved by Senator Heckaman, seconded by Senator Klein, and carried on a roll call vote that the legislative rules amendments be approved as distributed. Senators Wardner, Heckaman, Holmberg, Klein, Luick, and Oban and Representatives Boschee, Koppelman, Louser, and Mitskog voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

No further business appearing, Chairman Wardner adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

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Claire Ness  
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